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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Support
Deputy Director for Plans
Deputy Director for Science & Technology
General Counsel
Director of National Estimates
Deputy to the DCI for National
Intelligence Programs Evaluation

SUBJECT : Security Classification Procedures; Draft
Revision EO 12501 - NESM 113

1. Attached is a draft of a proposed revision of Executive Order 12501 which has been forwarded by the NSC for coordination and comment. This office will draft a reply which will be submitted to you for coordination prior to dispatch. The proposed revision is being submitted in advance for your review because of the short deadline imposed by the NSC.

2. As you may be aware, substantial preliminary work has been done by representatives of the addressees of the attached NSC letter. Based upon this work, our reply to the NSC will include the following comments:

- (a) We have no particular preference between Alternative I and Alternative II of Section 4 (a), pages 13-18. (Material pertaining to intelligence sources and methods and sensitive intelligence are exempted from these alternatives on page 19 of the draft.)
- (b) We recommend the adoption of Alternative II, page 19.
- (c) We defer to the Department of State concerning Alternatives I and II, page 20.

- (d) We prefer Alternative II of Section 4(b)(3), page 22. However, Section 4(b)(4), page 23, should be amended to read as follows: "All information and material classified pursuant to Section 4(b)(1) of this order shall be reviewed for declassification after 30 years ----."
- (e) We prefer Alternative I of Section 8(b), page 46.
- (f) We recommend the adoption of Alternative III of Section 9(d), page 55, only because the committee would consist of a smaller and therefore more manageable group. We have no choice as to whether the group should be "chaired" by a member of the President's staff or a member of the executive branch.

3. In our reply to the NSC we will, of course, set forth our reasons for choices among the various alternatives. Except for 2(c) and (f) above, which are new items in this draft, these alternatives have been previously discussed and agreed upon on 3 September 1971 by members of the Intra-Agency Security Committee representing the DDI, DBS, DDP, DDS&T, OCC and this Office.

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